



Behavioral Health Department

Alameda County Health

Welcome, Malliga Battar

Juvenile Justice Health Services Director

I am pleased to announce the provisional appointment of Malliga Battar as the Juvenile Justice Health Services Director.

Malliga started her journey in the field of mental health more than 20 years ago. She earned her master's degree in counseling psychology from Wichita State University and a Doctorate Degree in Clinical Psychology from Palo Alto University.

Malliga is passionate about working with forensic clients. She has served the forensic population in many settings including court programs, Conditional Release, psychiatric hospital, youth detention, as well as adult county jails and the state prison system.

In California, she has worked in Santa Clara County's Elmwood Jail, San Mateo County Jail, Salinas Valley State Prison, Monterey County's DUI, Drug treatment, Veterans and Military Diversion Courts, and San Francisco Conditional Release program. Most recently, Malli started as a Forensic Behavioral Health Clinician in November 2023 with ACBHD's Adult Forensic Behavioral Health program. She was then appointed as a Forensic Behavioral Health Clinical Supervisor in April 2024, supporting CalAIM efforts while also providing supervision to ACBHD's Guidance Clinic at the Juvenile Justice Center.

Malliga has extensive experience in assessments, individual and group therapy, inpatient treatment, crisis support, and has implemented management plans for higher need incarcerated clients, and designed training for custody staff. Throughout her career she has also consistently worked to develop and maintain cross-agency partnerships with the Courts, Public Defenders, District Attorneys, as well Probation and other custody agencies.

Outside of work, Malliga likes to spend time relaxing, meditating, going on hikes and spending quality time with family members. She loves Bollywood dances, Henna, and Thai food.

Please join me in congratulating Malliga in her new leadership role and this exciting new professional chapter!



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